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In the application of: Eldridge et al.

Application No.: 09/846,490

Filing Date: April 30, 2001

For: PROBE CARD ASSEMBLY AND KIT,

AND METHODS OF USING SAME

Examiner: C. Arbes

Group Art Unit: 3729

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for a two month extension of time extending the period for response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2001 in the above-identified application to February 25, 2002. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge a fee of \$400.00 for the above-requested extension of time. Applicants further authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fee or amount deemed due in connection with the filing of this paper (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-0285 (order no. P6D2-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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